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1. SUMARY. MINISTER FOR TRADE AND RESOURCES ANTHONY HAS REPLIED TO LETTER OF AMBASSADOR STRAUSS, COVERED REFTEL A, REGARDING U.S.-JAPPAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS. IN HIS REPLY, ANTHONY STATED THAT AUSTRALIA SHARES CONCERN THAT SOLUTIONS TO TRADE IMBALANCES BE FOUND QUICKLY, WHILE VOICING CONCERN AT POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN TRADE. ON JAN. 5 OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF ECON SECTION AN AGATTACHE WERE
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CALLED TO DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND RESOURCES FOR EXPRESSION OF CONCERN OVER PRESS REPORTS THAT U.S. MIGHT BE CONCLUDING MEAT QUOTA AGREEMENT BENEFICIAL ONLY TO U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTING FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY V. HOOTEN IN COMMODITY POLICY DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND RESOURCES CALLED IN OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF ECON SECTION AND AG ATTACHE

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ON JAN 5 TO EXPRESS CONCERN AT PRESS REPORTS SUGGESTING
THAT U.S. MIGHT BE MOVING TOWARDS AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN
WHICH WOULD OVERLOOK INTERESTS OF OTHER TRADING PARTNERS.
ARTICLE PARTICULARLY CITED WAS JAN. 4 REUTERS REPORT FROM
JAPAN, WHICH STATED, "MR. STRAUSS LAST MONTH DESCRIBED AS
UNSATISFACTORY AN EIGHT-POINT JAPANESE PLAN, INCLUDING
TARIFF CUTS AND EXPANSION OF IMPORT QUOTAS, AIMED AT
TRIMMING THE SURPLUS. THE UNITED STATES LATER PRESSED
JAPAN TO INCREASD ITS ANNUAL QUOTA FOR HIGH-QUALITY BEEF
FOR USE IN HOTELS FROM 1,000 TO 10,000 TONNES..."

3. EMPHASIZING THAT AUSTRALIA REALIZED THAT U.S. POLICY
AS ENUNCIATED BY AMB. STRAUSS WAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
INTERESTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, HOOTEN EXPRESSED CONCERN
THAT JAPANESE MIGHT OFFER A SUFFICIENTLY ATTRACTIVE CONCESSION
TO U.S. TO CAUSE INTERESTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO BE LOST SIGHT
OF. IF QUOTA FOR HOTEL BEEF, WHICH U.S. SUPPLIES, WERE TO
BE INCREASED TO 10,000 TONNES WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN THE
OVERALL QUOTA OF 50,000 TONNES, THIS WOULD DIRECTLY BENEFIT
THE U.S., DIRECTLY HARM AUSTRAIA, AND CAUSE CONSIDERABLE
POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS IN AUSTRALIA. EVEN WERE AN INCREASE
IN HOTEL BEEF SUB-QUOTA TO REPRESENT AN ADD-ON TO OVERALL
QUOTA, IT WOULD B DISAPPOINTING IN TERMS OF U.S. COMMITMENT
TO EQUAL MARKET ACCESS.

4. AS EMBASSY OFFICERS DEPARTED, JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICERS
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ENTERED THE BUILDING, HAVING BEEN CALLED IN FOR SIMILAR
REPRESENTATIONS.

5. JAN. 6 PRESS REPORT, FROM UPI TOKYO, STATES THAT
AGREEMENT REACHED ON 3,000 TON INCREASE IN QUOTA FOR HOTEL
BEEF. ARTICLE DOES NOT INDICATE WHETHER AMOUNT IS
ADD-ON OR REALLOCATION WITHIN QUOTA. IF UPI REPORT IS
CORRECT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ELUCIDATION OF THIS POINT.

6. MINISTER ANTHONY'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR STRAUSS IS
BEING FORWARDED TO OFFICE OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE MY DEAR AMBASSADOR,

QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 14 DECEMBER 1977
ADVISING ME OF DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON TRADE AND ECONIMIC ISSUES.

QUOTE AUSTRALIA HAS A VITQAL INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF
THESE TALKS AND OF THE PARALLEL DIALOGUE BETWEN JAPAN AND
THE COMMUNITY. WE SHARE THE CONCERN THAT SOLUTIONS BE

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FOUND QUICKLY TO THE CURRENT POBLEMS ARISING FROM TRADE IMBALANCES; SOLUTIONS THAT LEAD TO THE SOUND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ALSO BEEN CONCERNED AT THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR TRADE WITH THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY JAPAN.

QUOTE I WELCOME YOUR ASSUANCE THAT IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS YOU HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THE TRADE LIBERALIZATION MEASURES ADOPTED BY JAPAN MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE INTERESTS OF ALL ITS TRADING PARTNERS. I WOULD FURTHER ADD THAT OUR VIEW IS THAT, IN TACKLING THE PRESENT PROBLEMS THE EMPHSIS SHOULD BE ON EXPANSION OF IMPORTS BY JAPAN RATHER THAN CONTRACTION OF THAT COUNTRY'S EXPORTS.

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QUOTE I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO VISIT AUSTRALIA IN TE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS THESE AND OZV MATTERS.

QUOTE YOURS SINCERELY, J.D. ANTHONY. END QUOTE.
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